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FOR GARRISON FROM SHINN

E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: OFFICIAL - INFORMAL

1. BOB GERMAN ASKS THAT ADMIN BE INFORMED THAT ONE PIECE OF AIR FREIGHT (ONE FOOTLOCKER, WEIGHT 100 POUNDS) WAS SHIPPED FROM DALLAS AUGUST 15 AND WAS TO ARRIVE MOSCOW AUGUST 19 VIA PANAM 66. AIR WAYBILL NO. 026-1727-5042. HE WILL HAVE KEYS WITH HIM ON ARRIVAL SEPTEMBER 5.
2. REF MOSCOW 19732. FOR SCICOUNS: GREATER USE OF CONFIDENTIAL CLASSIFICATION FOR MESSAGES FROM SCI WILL NOT IMPEDE THEIR DISTRIBUTION TO INTERESTED WASHINGTON AGENCIES.
3. FYI, ARMY HAS DECIDED NOT REPEAT NOT TO INVITE SOVIET MILATTS ON ANNUAL ATTACHE TRIP IN LATE NOVEMBER (STATE 204303, PARA 2; MOSCOW 19484, PARA 3). HOWEVER, WE LEARNED THAT AIR FORCE HAS INVITED SOVIETS ON AF ANNUAL ATTACHE CONFIDENTIAL

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TRIP, INCLUDING TO HAWAII AND ALASKA, ON OCTOBER 11-20. DOD/ISA DISCOVERED AF INVITATION AND IS ENCOURAGING THE SERVICES TO BETTER COORDINATE THIS TYPE OF EVENT. WE AND DOD/ISA AGREED THAT AF INVITATION TO SOVIETS SHOULD NOT REPEAT NOT BE WITHDRAWN AT THIS STAGE. HOWEVER, IF EMBASSY/DAO HAVE OTHER THOUGHTS, LET US KNOW AND AF CAN INFORM SOVIETS THAT INVITATIONS WITHDRAWN DUE TO LACK OF RECIPROCAL

SOVIET FORTHCOMINGNESS.

4. RE CLIFF GROSS TDY, FRANKFURT WOULD WELCOME HIM AS HEAD OF PASSPORT/CITIZENSHIP SECTION VICE FSO-1 GARRETT BURKE WHO IS ON LEAVE. DATES WOULD BE ON OR ABOUT SEPTEMBER 15 TO OCTOBER 2. QUARTERS PROVIDED. LET US KNOW ASAP, AS EX IS ANXIOUS TO CLOSE THE DEAL AND ISSUE ORDERS.

5. WE HAVE HAD PRELIMINARY DISCUSSION WITH BOB GERMAN ON TUA REPLACEMENT. TUA GAVE SHERROD CLEAR IMPRESSION THAT HE WANTS TO RETURN AND TO COMPLETE HIS ORIGINAL TWO-YEAR TOUR. WE HESITATE TO GO BACK TO HIM, BECAUSE HE SEEMED CONCERNED THAT HIS REQUEST TO BE RELEASED FROM HIS THIRD YEAR EXTENSION NOT PREJUDICE HIS FUTURE IN SOVIET AFFAIRS. IT WOULD BE DIFFICULT IN OUR JUDGEMENT TO CURTAIL HIS SECOND YEAR WITHOUT SOME QUESTION OF STIGMA ARISING, AT LEAST IN HIS MIND. WE THINK UTILIZATION OF FEENEY/KENNEDY IS THEORETICALLY IDEAL, TO FOLLOW UP ON THE GUIDE EXPERIENCE. THERE IS NOT, HOWEVER, A READY POSITION FOR THE SECOND OF THAT PAIR, AS GUNDERSON IS PROJECTED INTO THE PPO SLOT IN SUMMER 1979. WE CAN SEE A POSSIBLE SHUFFLE, USING THE SECOND CONSULAR SLOT TO BE ESTABLISHED IN KIEV WHEN THE CONGEN OPENS, E.G. PHOTENHAUER TO KIEV, GUNDERSON TO CONSEC INSTEAD OF PPO. CONFIDENTIAL

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THERE IS ALSO THE CHANCE THAT SOMETHING WILL OPEN UP OVER THE NEXT SEVERAL MONTHS; WE HAVE NO RESERVE TRAINEE THIS YEAR, WITH EVERYONE PENCILED IN AGAINST A 1979 OPENING.

ON PRINGLE, OUR THOUGHT, SEPARATE AND DISTINCT FROM TUA QUESTION, WOULD BE TO OFFER HIM A THIRD YEAR, USING JORP VAN LANINGHAM'S ASSIGNMENT TO CONSEC TO FREE UP PRINGLE FOR A YEAR IN A SUBSTANTIVE SECTION. IF CONSEC COULD STAND THE STRAIN OF TAKING A NEW OFFICER EVERY YEAR IN A REGULAR CONSULAR SLOT, WE COULD IN THIS FASHION ASSIGN A NEW FIRST TOUR, CAREER CANDIDATE OFFICER INTO MOSCOW EVERY YEAR, USING THE JORP AS A FLOATER POSITION TO SATISFY THE ROTATIONAL REQUIREMENT IN THE SECOND YEAR OF THE OFFICER'S TOUR. ALTERNATIVE WOULD BE FOR VAN LANINGHAM TO CARRY THE JORP WITH HIM FOR TWO YEARS, I.E. ABOVE PRESENT COMPLIMENT IN CONSEC THE FIRST YEAR, AND DITTO IN A SUBSTANTIVE SECTION THE SECOND YEAR. THIS WOULD MEAN TAKING IN ONLY ONE FIRST TOUR OFFICER EVERY TWO YEARS. CHRISTOPHER

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